

Ethical Decision Making and Risk Management in Clinical Practice

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Presented by:

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March 10, 2004

Ameristar Hotel and Casino
3200 Ameristar Drive
Kansas City, MO

March 18, 2004

Hilton-St. Louis Airport
10330 Natural Bridge Road
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March 19, 2004

Ramada Inn-Conference Center
1100 Vandiver Drive
Columbia, MO

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Registration begins at 7:30 a.m.
Workshop 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

THE PRESENTER

Eric Harris, Ed.D., J.D.



A licensed psychologist and attorney, Dr. Harris is a consultant to the Trust where he provides risk management services to Trust policy holders. Dr. Harris is the legal counsel to the Massachusetts

Psychological Association, where he served as the Director of Professional Affairs for ten years. He was a faculty member at the Massachusetts School of Professional Psychology for more than 15 years. Dr. Harris served for many years on the Committee for the Advancement of Professional Practice (CAPP) and served two terms on the Committee on Legal Issues. In the fifteen years before Dr. Harris became a consultant to APAIT, he conducted a part-time clinical psychology practice. Dr. Harris has written, consulted and lectured extensively on risk management, legal issues and on managed care.

WORKSHOP DESCRIPTION

There is little question that psychology is a profession under siege. The increased potential for allegations of misconduct being filed with licensing boards and a perception of an exploding number of malpractice actions have truly put the profession on the defensive. Today, psychologists practice with increased ethical and legal attention in order to reduce the likelihood that disciplinary complaints or malpractice suits may be filed against them.

Psychologists must learn new strategies on how to deal with these threats should they occur. Many “rule based” risk management strategies have been developed to give psychologists concrete guidance for dealing with potential disciplinary actions and civil suits. Consequently, some psychologists have lost sight of the fundamentals of ethical decision making and clamor for “cookbook approaches” to risk management. In their desire to solve any problem quickly, they no longer engage in an active decision-making process when faced with difficult issues.

This workshop focuses on the fundamental “how tos” of ethical decision making when confronted by ethical dilemmas. Attendees will become familiar with the fundamental tenants of health care ethics and how they apply to the practice of psychology. They will also review the basic legal strategies and ethical principles that apply to psychological practice. Finally, all participants will have the opportunity to apply the principles to specific ethical dilemmas in small group discussions. These discussions will focus on resolving specific case examples in a fashion consistent with the fundamentals of good clinical practice.

OBJECTIVES

- ♦ Familiarity with the fundamentals of ethical philosophy that are the foundation of all health care ethics codes
- ♦ Understanding of how these fundamentals drive the development of ethics codes and professional standards
- ♦ Recognition of where these fundamentals are specifically expressed in the law and in the 2002 APA Ethics Code
- ♦ Knowledge of the primary provisions of the 2002 APA Ethics Code
- ♦ Awareness of how the law impacts ethics codes and the relationship of ethics to law
- ♦ Expertise in how to use the ethical fundamentals in decision-making
- ♦ Interaction with other colleagues on specific ethical dilemmas, arriving at ethically based decisions on how to deal with difficult cases

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**The American Psychological Association Insurance Trust
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REGISTRATION

Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. The workshop begins at 8:30 a.m. and ends at 4:00 p.m.

Ethical Decision Making and Risk Management in Clinical Practice will be held on the following dates:

Workshop #1

When: March 10, 2004

Where: Ameristar Hotel and Casino, Kansas City

Seating Capacity: 350

Workshop #2

When: March 18, 2004

Where: Hilton-St. Louis Airport

Seating Capacity: 350

Workshop #3

When: March 19, 2004

Where: Ramada Inn-Conference Center, Columbia

Seating Capacity: 275

These facilities are fully accessible.

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